officers in the Section Officer's grade, it has not been possible to make regular appointments to the Under Secretary's grade and, consequently, it has not been possible to bring out the Selection Grade Select List (Deputy Secretary's grade). Action for holding of the Departmental Promotion Committee Meetings for effecting promotion to the Under Secretary's grade has been initiated with the Union Public Service Commission.

Indian Oil Corporation

3861. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of locations of regional offices (Marketing division) of Indian Oil Corporation functioning at present;

(b) the category-wise number of Officers and other staff posted in each of these regional offices;

(c) whether the regional office in Guwahati is having a skeleton staff only as compared to the other regional office;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(e) whether there is any proposal to upgrade the regional office at Guwahati at par with other regional office; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) There are four Regional Offices in Marketing Division of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. functioning presently, one each in Delhi, Calcutta, Mumbai and Chennai.

(b)

	Northern Region	*Eastern Region*	*Western Region*	*Southern Region*
	Delhi	Calcutta	Mumbai	Chennai
Officers	298	268	244	228
Staff	495	506	481	384

(c) to (f). IOC Marketing Division does not have any Regional Office at Guwahati. It has a Divisional Office there, which is under the jurisdiction of IOC's Eastern Regional Office. The Corporation has initiated action plan to convert its Divisional Offices in various States Capitals as Empowered Divisional Offices (EDO). Process has already begun for setting up full-fledged Empowered Divisional Office at Guwahati also encompassing the entire North East Region with an ultimate aim of rendering better and efficient customer services.

Unauthorised Construction

3862. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVINCHANDRA MEHTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of senior politicians bureaucrats are indulging in large scale unauthorised construction in Masjid Moth Village (near Uday Park);

(b) whether any study has been conducted in the ownership rights of such buildings, if so the details thereof; and

(c) the action, the Government plan to take for removal of the unauthorised buildings there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi have reported that no such cases have come to their notice involving the politicians, bureaucrats in Masjid Moth Village (near Uday Park).

(c) As and when unauthorised construction is detected/reported, action is taken by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi under D.M.C. Act.

Power Tariff for Agriculture Sector

3863. SHRI JAOCHIM BAXLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to impose a minimum tariff on power supplied to the farm sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor,

(c) whether consensus has emerged among the planners, policy makers and State Governments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (d). Chief Ministers Conference on Power held on 16th October, 1996 to deliberate upon the important issues in the power sector and draw up an Action Plan for bringing about improvement in the sector which *inter-alia*, includes sector reforms, performance of utilities, tariff rationalisation including agricultural tariff etc. The Action Plan would need to be finalised based on the various suggestions of the Chief Ministers/Energy Ministers.

Transfer of Flats

3864. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether houses have been transferred to the Lok Sabha Secretariat pool since 1987;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government propose to transfer the required number of houses being constructed in R.K. Puram and other parts of Delhi to the LSS pool;

(e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Information is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) In view of the reply to (a) above, does not arise.

(d) to (f). There is no proposal at present to transfer any houses to Lok Sabha Sectt. Pool from the houses being constructed in R.K. Puram in view of the acute shortage of accommodation in General Pool where officials with 13 to 28 years of service are waiting for allotment of accommodation in various types.

HIL Electronic Corporation

3865. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA' : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for closure and discontinuance of production in the Hiltron Units functioning in Electronic Sector in the hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the steps being taken to safeguard the interest of the employees;

(c) whether the Government propose to revive the said units; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (d). Hiltron Units functioning in electronic sector in the hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh is not under the administrative control of the Government of India, Department of Electronics.

Diversion of LPG Refills

3866. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether under the directive of Indian Oil Corporation the Ministry diverted the LPG refills to Chennai on a priority basis during September/October, 1996;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether while doing so, the supply to places in other States was diverted to Chennai;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Ministry has decided to supply LPG to Tamil Nadu on priority basis; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Interstate movement of LPG cylinders is undertaken from logistic considerations. Bottling plant located in other States are normally supplying LPG filled cylinders to the adjoining States also to meet the requirement under the Industry Supply Plan. For meeting backlogs also product is moved to deficit areas from bottling plants in adjoining areas/states.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Leaking Roof

3867. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Vigyan Bhavan roof leaking" appearing in the 'Pioneer' dated September 7, 1996; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter was examined and some leakages of isolated places in the roof were noticed. The leakages are due to the cumulative effect of various factors i.e. improper matching of the corrugation of sheets, disturbances due to heavy movement of labour during construction and security personnel subsequently etc. After detailed study of the problem, the Ministry has approved proposals submitted by CPWD regarding remedial measures and action is being taken up to rectify the defects.

CAG Report Regarding DDA

3868. SHRI BHIMRAO VISHNUJI BADADE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned 'mis-management and technical deficiencies in DDA causing huge financial losses' appearing in the "Dainik Jagran" (Delhi edition) dated August 4, 1996;